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TAGS: PINS XF FR PLO
SUBJECT: TERRORIST INCIDENT AT ORLY AIRPORT

REF: PARIS 960

1. DEPT WILL HAVE NOTED AFP REPORT TO EFFECT THAT ITS BEIRUT
OFFICE ON JAN 13 RECEIVED COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY "MILITARY
WING OF BLACK SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION" CLAIMING CREDIT FOR
SAME DAY'S BAZOOKA ATTACK AT ORLY AIRPORT AND STATING IT WAS
IN REVENGE FOR LAST MONTH'S ROCKET ATTACKS ON PLO OFFICES
HERE. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT THIS MORNING (JAN 14), TWO
BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS, INDEPENDENT AN NAHAR AND PRO-FEDAYEEN
AL MUHARRIR, RECEIVED FURTHER COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY "BLACK
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SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION" IN WHICH BSO DENIED ALL CONNECTION

WITH ORLY INCIDENT, REPUDIATED EARLIER COMMUNIQUE AS A FORGERY CIRCULATED BY "SUBVERSIVE AND PARASITIC ELEMENTS", AND EXPLAINED THAT "OUR ORGANIZATION ONCE CARRIED OUT CERTAIN OPERATIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT HAS STOPPED ALL ITS OPERATIONS QUITE SOME TIME AGO" (FBIS BE140703). WE ALSO NOTE THAT PLO (WAFI) NEWS AGENCY HAD EARLIER RELEASED STATEMENT HERE CONDEMNING ORLY OPERATION AS "CRIMINAL ACT" WHICH CONSTITUTED "CONSPIRACY AGAINST PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND PEOPLE" AND DENYING THAT ANY FEDAYEEN GROUP WAS INVOLVED IN IT.

2. COMMENT: AS USUAL, WE HAVE NO IMMEDIATE WAY OF DISCERNING WHERE TRUTH LIES IN ALL OF THE ABOVE. ONE POSSIBILITY WHICH STRIKES US, HOWEVER, IS THAT FATAH AND ERSTWHILE BSO CHIEFTAIN SALAH KHALAF (ABU IYAD), WHOSE POOR PERSONAL RELATIONS AND OPERATIONAL DISPUTES WITH 'ARAFAT HAVE REPORTEDLY PLACED HIM IN BAD ODOR WITH REST OF PLO LEADERSHIP IN RECENT WEEKS, MAY HAVE MASTERMINDED ORLY OPERATION AS MEANS OF RE-ASSERTING HIS INFLUENCE AND REFURBISHING HIS IMAGE WITHIN FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT.

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